

1-1 By: Nelson S.B. No. 66
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed November 12, 2012; January 28, 2013,
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Health and Human
1-4 Services; February 18, 2013, reported adversely, with favorable
1-5 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0;
1-6 February 18, 2013, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-9	Nelson	X		
1-10	Deuell	X		
1-11	Huffman	X		
1-12	Nichols	X		
1-13	Schwertner	X		
1-14	Taylor	X		
1-15	Uresti	X		
1-16	West	X		
1-17	Zaffirini	X		

1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 66 By: Nelson

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to the child fatality review team committee.
1-22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
1-23 SECTION 1. Subsections (b) and (c), Section 264.502, Family
1-24 Code, are amended to read as follows:
1-25 (b) The members of the committee who serve under Subsections
1-26 (a)(1) through (3) shall select the following additional committee
1-27 members:
1-28 (1) a criminal prosecutor involved in prosecuting
1-29 crimes against children;
1-30 (2) a sheriff;
1-31 (3) a justice of the peace;
1-32 (4) a medical examiner;
1-33 (5) a police chief;
1-34 (6) a pediatrician experienced in diagnosing and
1-35 treating child abuse and neglect;
1-36 (7) a child educator;
1-37 (8) a child mental health provider;
1-38 (9) a public health professional;
1-39 (10) a child protective services specialist;
1-40 (11) a sudden infant death syndrome family service
1-41 provider;
1-42 (12) a neonatologist;
1-43 (13) a child advocate;
1-44 (14) a chief juvenile probation officer;
1-45 (15) a child abuse prevention specialist;
1-46 (16) a representative of the Department of Public
1-47 Safety; ~~and~~
1-48 (17) a representative of the Texas Department of
1-49 Transportation;
1-50 (18) an emergency medical services provider; and
1-51 (19) a provider of services to, or an advocate for,
1-52 victims of family violence.
1-53 (c) Members of the committee selected under Subsection (b)
1-54 serve three-year terms with the terms of ~~[five or]~~ six or seven
1-55 members, as appropriate, expiring February 1 each year.
1-56 SECTION 2. Subsection (f), Section 264.503, Family Code, is
1-57 amended to read as follows:
1-58 (f) ~~[The committee shall issue a report for each preventable~~
1-59 ~~child death. The report must include findings related to the~~
1-60 ~~child's death, recommendations on how to prevent similar deaths,~~

2-1 ~~and details surrounding the department's involvement with the child~~
2-2 ~~prior to the child's death.]~~ Not later than April 1 of each
2-3 even-numbered year, the committee shall publish a report that
2-4 contains aggregate child fatality data collected by local child
2-5 fatality review teams, recommendations to prevent child fatalities
2-6 and injuries, and recommendations to the department on child
2-7 protective services operations based on input from the child safety
2-8 review subcommittee. The committee shall ~~[compilation of the~~
2-9 ~~reports published under this subsection during the year,]~~ submit a
2-10 copy of the report ~~[compilation]~~ to the governor, lieutenant
2-11 governor, speaker of the house of representatives, Department of
2-12 State Health Services, and department~~[7]~~ and make the report
2-13 ~~[compilation]~~ available to the public. Not later than October 1 of
2-14 each even-numbered year, the department shall submit a written
2-15 response to ~~[on]~~ the committee's recommendations ~~[compilation from~~
2-16 ~~the previous year]~~ to the committee, governor, lieutenant governor,
2-17 ~~[and]~~ speaker of the house of representatives, and Department of
2-18 State Health Services describing which of the committee's
2-19 recommendations regarding the operation of the child protective
2-20 services system the department will implement and the methods of
2-21 implementation.

2-22 SECTION 3. The members of the child fatality review team
2-23 committee under Subsection (a), Section 264.502, Family Code,
2-24 responsible for selecting the additional members of the committee
2-25 required by Subsection (b), Section 264.502, Family Code, as
2-26 amended by this Act, shall make those appointments not later than
2-27 November 1, 2013.

2-28 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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